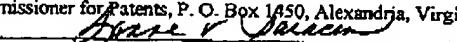


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Sir:

It is requested that the period for response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 be extended to allow for response within three month(s) after the time originally set. The time originally set was October 8, 2003. The extended period will expire January 8, 2004.

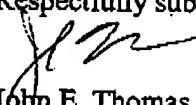
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